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## The Orange Situation

Wh have been most interested in reading "The Florida Orange Situation," as depicted in last week's issue of the Advocate, by Col. J. L. Sauls. Except for its length we would be glad to copy the article entire for every line is interesting, witty, pathetic or instructive. There is no doubt our orange growers are in a hole and Col. Sauls has a remedy to offer. In part he says:

Come together at your school house or your church and organize you a local orange league. You will have no expenses there except coal oil, and if its not get you some fat splinters; they are not very costly. Elect you an executive body of the best brains and energy. Include most, if not all of your growers. Do this in every voting precinct or school district in your county.

When this is done call a meeting of the executive boards together from all the precincts where leagues have been formed. Agree to build, buy or rent your own packing houses; put your old one gallows orange grower to pack your fruit. (He or his sons do it anyway.) If you need more packing houses put them up. Pack your own oranges. Spend part of that one hundred thousand dollars you pay the broker in securing the best salesmen in the cities. Don't turn it over to the broker. Have it sold on the market by the best salesmen you possibly can secure. Sell it at no cut prices.

"Where, oh where is the money to do this with?" I hear you say. What fools ye mortals be! The one hundred thousand dollars you pay these brokers, together with the other four hundred thousand it costs to pick and pack the crop, will, in one season, do all the work and will give you your equipment net, if you have just got a little bit of nerve to try it.

If you can't do what I have above mentioned, get your organization together so as to cut out brokers and the consignment of your fruit, if you do this you can again sell your fruit on the trees; with our present system of marketing our fruit California is driving us back and out of business very rapidly, in fact, we are now out. California now has one hundred and twenty-four of the best salesmen in the cities. No brokers in California. They broke California in 1893. Now California has her local orange leagues, with thirteen central leagues, with one head exchange. The central leagues notifies the exchange of all of its cars when ready to move. The exchange sells and places in the markets of the country every car of fruit that is shipped from California. No car of stuff is permitted to crowd into a market on any other car. No car of fruit is shipped to a market unwilling to pay the price placed on the fruit by the head exchange. If a market seems to be slightly glutted, the fruit is taken from the market immediately and that market given a rest. By so doing California markets her thirteen million boxes at a price which makes us poor Florida growers tremble with energy and starvation.

The exchange of California sells and distributes every box of California oranges, placing them in every city, village and hamlet. No market is crowded or over-fed, yet none, not even the smallest, is left unsupplied. All large commission houses in the market of the country refuse even to handle Florida's when California's come in. California makes contracts with reputable commission houses not to place anything in the way of their fruit, while we poor fools, as soon as California is out of the way, go to these same houses quoting and underquoting our own product. When it's like stealing it they take a little until California makes them quit.

Among the successful candidates who are eligible to appointment in the consular service of the United States, the secretary of state makes public as having successfully passed the examinations prescribed, two Florida candidates, viz: Geo. B. Shumacker and Albert W. Robert.

No more forceful instance of the potency of advertising has come to our knowledge than the promptness with which the lost storm due in Florida last Sunday responded to the Tampa Tribune's advertisement. The Tribune advertisement appeared Tuesday morning and the storm materialized Tuesday afternoon. The Tribune sure has the pull that brings things

## Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. Keigwin pastor.  
Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.  
Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

The services Sunday morning and night were appropriate to the Christmas time, and the solo and anthem in the evening services were unusually excellent. Both in the morning and evening sermon the pastor tried to give an estimate of

## GOD'S GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

And spoken from the text found in 2 Cor. 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

God is infinite and God's love is commensurate with His boundless nature, and when He would manifest how much He loved the world He gave us that first Christmas night His only begotten Son.

## IT WAS GOD'S GIFT

And antecedent to all experience you know that if such a Being as the Infinite God of the Universe is making a gift expressive of His love it will be an "unspeakable" gift, a gift so stupendous that no language on earth has words great enough to express its value. But there are some revelations given us in the Bible which will enable us to apprehend even if we cannot comprehend "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

## THE GIFT IS GOD'S IMAGE

"He is the image of the Invisible God." Col. 1:15, and "in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily Col. 2:9. God is spirit and no man hath seen God at any time. But when we see the character of God, and the power of God, and the personality of God, displayed in Jesus Christ we see "God manifest in the flesh." 1 Tim. 3:16, and are prepared to believe what Jesus claimed for Himself. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John 14:9 And when like Thomas I worship Him as my God," John 20:28, I am an image worshipper and not an idolater.

## The unspeakable gift is

## THE SUPREME TEACHER

His works such as never man did, and His words such as never man spoke, prove it. Nichodemus voices the logical conclusion of all who will accept the record and His words and works "Master we know that Thou art a teacher sent from God for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest except God be with Him." When you study the record of the four evangelists and see the only portrait of absolutely perfect character, ever given in all the writings of the world, and consider the teaching of Jesus as in loftiness away and beyond that time and even these times you are impressed that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John could never have written the record out of their own minds. And besides this, the growing influence of Jesus' teaching in the moral uplift of the world proves the teacher Divine. The unspeakable gift is

## THE SAVIOR

The perfect revelation of the personality and the character of the Invisible God and all the most perfect presentation of all the laws of the spiritual universe, are all in vain for the happiness of man unless God's gift is what the angel announced to the shepherds, viz: "A Savior which is Christ the Lord." The whole world is guilty and perishing. The infinitely just "Judge of all the earth" cannot pardon sin without satisfaction to

eternal justice. Jesus Christ meets all the conditions of this awful problem of the ages, and by the death of the Savior, "whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life Viewed in the light of eternal destiny the gift of God's only begotten Son as a Savior is beyond all human conception in value. Then let it be the sentiment of our hearts attested by the consecration of our lives, "thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

## Conference Appointments

## BARTOW DISTRICT.

S. W. Lawler, presiding elder; Orlando, J. B. Mitchell; Maitland, supplied by H. E. Hooks; Apopka, supplied by H. B. Boyd; Kissimmee, J. T. Mitchell; Kathleen, supplied by R. H. Lett; Bartow, C. Fred Blackburn; Lakeland, J. C. Cason; Mulberry, H. P. Blocker; Fort Meade and Homeland, D. A. Cob; Bowling Green, J. W. Austin; Wauchula, W. B. Tresca; Arcadia, C. W. White; Nocatee, W. H. F. Roberts; Punta Gorda, C. G. Mitchell; Ft. Myers, F. Pixton; Ft. Myers mission, supplied by S. A. Wilson; Alva, E. C. Hudson; Everglade mission, W. H. G. Slaymanter; Winter Haven, supplied by J. S. Griswell; Pearce circuit, J. B. Rooney; Brooksville, H. E. Partridge; Webster circuit, George S. Henderson; conference missionary evangelist, M. A. Myers.

## If You Don't Believe in Santa Claus

## I.

If you don't believe in Santa Claus, and that your way he'll call, Don't mind the Christmas stocking—don't hang it up at all! But when Christmas winds are whistling, and the home-lights burnin' dim, He rides away from little folks that don't believe in him!

## II.

When you hear his sleigh-bells jingle on the house-tops snowy-white, Say: "The Wind is playin' music for the witches o' the night!" When he's slidin' down the chimneys of the still and dreamy town— "'Tis the Wind that wants to warm himself—the Wind is comin' down!"

## III.

If you don't believe in Santa Claus, like other folks believe, Just wait till Fourth o' July, and forget it's Christmas Eve!" Say: "The children—they just dreamed him, and they think he's true-and-true!" And don't hang up your stocking—for he won't believe in you!

## IV.

When the floor is piled with playthings, and the Christmas trumpets blow, Say no fairy-folk have been there, and that Santa Claus aint so! When your stockin' a lookin' lonesome then you'll know the reason why: You'll wish you'd made-believe in him 'fore Santa Claus went by!

## V.

Your great and great grand-people—they knew him far away. (There's toys that he gave them in the attic there today!) The chair grandfather dreams in—he gave him that, you know, For bein' once a little boy and believin' in him so!

## VI.

But—don't you hang your stocking up, if you don't think that way, And know lots more 'bout Santa Claus than folks that's old and gray; But—when Christmas winds are whistling, and the mornin' stars burn dim, He rides away from little folks that don't believe in him! —Frank L. Stanton, in Uncle Remus's —The Home Magazine for December.

## Announcement of Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mitchell announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Mathilde, to Mr. Cyril Baldwin, the marriage ceremony to occur at the Methodist Church in Arcadia, Wednesday evening, December 30, eight o'clock. No cards. Friends of the families invited.

## Timely Views and News

## State Fair at Tampa

Rich in her resources, varied in her products and fertile with capabilities and possibilities, Florida is rapidly forging to the front, and each succeeding year finds her more in favor among those who desire a home of peace, plenty and happiness.

Nestling as she does around the great waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean, we see her seven hundred miles in length, bright as a jewel and variegated in her different sections.

We see West Florida with her fish industry, her turpentine and timber interests, her fields of farms and other resources, a busy hum of thrift and energy.

Then Middle Florida with her tobacco fields—where grows the finest Sumatra wrapper in the world, and where wealth and luxury abounds. Her pecan groves are coming into prominence—as a source of wealth, and the diversity of crops are fast filling the coffers of her citizens.

East Florida with her phosphate, naval stores, rich farms, fruit and live stock is attracting much attention, while the southern part of the State, both the West Coast and the East Coast, are famed abroad for their fruits and flowers, truck farms and grazing herds, her minerals and cereals—all assisting in the making of a veritable land of pure delight where radiant glory grows.

But we need publicity and more of it.

We need to advertise these long hidden treasures and countless sources of revenue, and what better method could be suggested, planned or devised than a State Fair?

Here the gates are thrown open to every citizen of the state to come and display his choice products, each in glittering array as best suits his fancy or the adaptability of his soil. Here at the State Fair at Tampa should be congregated the fruits of our toil as well as the budding of our soil, as it is there that the home-seeker will congregate to see and learn of our state and to feast upon the beauty and drink the fragrance of each exhibit.

Let it be the master handiwork from our forests, or the mellow odor from the orange grove; the fruit from the majestic pecan tree or the pure aroma from our tobacco fields; the fleecy staple which helps to clothe the world or the mineral dug deep from mother earth; the luscious bivalve or the toothsome finny tribe; the products of field and furnace and all other sources should be represented where multitudes of human eyes will behold in wonder and astonishment the marvelous creations and productions of our state.

A State Fair is preeminently the sure way to do effective advertising and Tampa, with its push and enterprise, is an ideal location for such a display.

## Ex-Governor Fleming Dead

Francis P. Fleming, former Governor of Florida, and one of the foremost of this state's sons, died at Jacksonville Sunday afternoon. A native of Florida, he was a soldier of courage and distinction in the cause of the Confederacy and followed his military service with a long and honorable career at the bar, reaching the highest office in the gift of his people in 1889, and serving the four years term with credit to himself and to his state. In his later years, he had devoted himself to the practice of his profession, but he never ceased to take an active interest in political affairs and continued a steadfast champion of the right. Florida will mourn him as one of its ablest Governors and worthiest men.

The Times-Union should not be so severe on President Roosevelt. History will doubtless put him down as one of the nation's wisest statesmen, long after most of the Florida editors who deride him are forgotten in their humble graves.

The South Florida friends and acquaintances of Albert H. Rogers, formerly of St. Petersburg, but more recently of Tallahassee, will be interested to learn of the young man's marriage on December 15th to Miss Alic F. Apthorp of Tallahassee. The affair was a brilliant church wedding in old St. John's Episcopal church, attended by the Governor and cabinet and other persons of prominence in Tallahassee.

Truly the laboring man is in hard lines. Seven million persons are in the grip of a financial depression in England, that is more serious than any American panic. A financial writer gives as the reason the fact that the lands of Great Britain are mostly owned by a few men, the house of lords owning one-fifth of the land. Of the forty millions of inhabitants, less than four-fifths of one per cent own any land. The rich British land owners are the most successful tax dodgers among civilized people, for the land pays only a tax levied on it more than 120 years ago. Since that time cities have been built on the land and the population has increased more than three-fold. Mines of untold wealth are being operated on what pays taxes only as barren heath. This evil, the writer thinks, is the root of the present distress among the common people of England, and until the government rights the landlords there will be oppression and great suffering.